

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Claims 17-45 are allowed.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arno Naeckel (Reg No 56,411) on 8/27/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 17, please add "containing multiple computing devices" after "properties server network" in line 1.

Please replace "RNI" with "RMI" at line 9.

In claim 20, please add "containing multiple computing devices" after "properties server network" in line 2.

In claim 26, please add "including multiple computing devices" after "service" in line 2.

In claim 35, please add "containing multiple hardware devices" after "server system" in line 1.

Reasons For Allowance

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104 (e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks in the Amendment filed on 11/9/07 with respect to the amended claim limitations and further amended claim limitations in the Examiner's Amendment filed herewith point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ASAD M. NAWAZ whose telephone number is (571)272-3988. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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